WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Fictitious Sale of Diesel by Oil Companies

*103. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil companies were showing fictitious sales to out station customers to sell diesel oil at a cheaper rate; and

(b) if so, the action taken against such beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some customers who were obtaining petroleum products on concessional sales tax (Central Sales Tax) basis are alleged to have been diverting the same.

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case in the matter on 23rd May, 2000 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Preservation and Development of Tribal Languages and Culture of Orissa

*106. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry propose to take steps for the preservation and development of tribal languages and culture of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) There is no specific scheme/proposal of this Ministry envisaging preservation and development of tribal languages and culture of Orissa. According to the mandate, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes of development of Scheduled Tribes. In regard to sectoral programmes and schemes of tribal communities, policy, monitoring and evaluation etc. as also their coordination will be the responsibility of the concerned Central Ministries/Department.

2. Department of Culture playes a vital role in the preservation, promotion and dissemination of art and culture. Department of Culture administers a scheme whereunder financial assistance is provided to voluntary organizations